Year	Quantity (in million tonnes)
1992-93	6.756
1993-94	7.078
1994-95	8.475

Major steps taken to augment indigenous availability of coking coal, inter-alia, include:—

(i) Increasing raw coking coal availability by reorganising existing mines and development of new mines.

(ii) Modification of the existing coking coal washeries to improve the capacity utilisation as well as the quality of washed coking coal.

(iii) Increasing raw coal feed to washeries by supplying low volatile medium coking coals of suitable quality.

(iv) Early commissioning of two new washeries under construction at Madhuband (Bharat Coking Coal Ltd.,) and Kedla (Central Coalfields Ltd.,) for increasing the existing washing capacity.

(v) Effective and better coordination between Coal India Limited and the steel plants is being done through regular review meetings at various levels.

Export Promotion Industrial Parks

1898. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up centrally sponsored Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) in the country to assist the State Governments in establishing infrastructural facilities for export oriented production in States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that no EPIP has been approved for Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) and (b) A centrally Sponsored Export Promotion Industrial Parks (EPIP) Scheme has been formulated to assist State Governments in establishing infrastructural facilities for export oriented production. The Scheme provides that 75% of the capital expenditure incurred towards creation of infrastructural facilities for export oriented production will be met from a Central grant to the State Governments, which will ordinarily be limited to Rs. 10 crores in each case. In addition, a maintenance grant equivalent to 2% of export turnover of each unit established therein would also be made available to the State Governments for a period of 5 years from the date of commercial production of that unit.

(c) and (d) On the basis of the State Government's recommendations, and EPIP has been approved at Siya, District Dewas in Madhya Pradesh in July, 1995.

Visit of Deputy Premier of Russia

1899. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Deputy Premier of Russia visited India in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this visit will help to double the trade between the two countries as compared to the figures from 1991;

(d) if so, the details thereof with areas of such trade;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures to double its trade transactions with countries of the world taking 1991 as the target base; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Mr. Y.F. Yarov, Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and the Co-Chairman of the Indo-Russian Joint Commission visited New Delhi on July 5-6, 1995.

(c) and (d) Both, Russia and India have decided to double with volume of trade as compared to the 1993 level to about Rs. 5000

crores during the current year. Both sides reaffirmed their intention to continue developing multifaceted cooperation in the interest of progress of both the countries especially in the fields of trade, economic, science, technology, education and culture.

(e) and (f) No, Sir. However, Export promotion is a continuous process and steps are taken to boost exports in consultation with trade, industry and other relevant interests. Export target is fixed on yearly basis. The export target for the year 1995-96 envisages around 18% to 20% growth, in dollar terms over the exports valued at US $ 26223 million during 1994-95. It is postulated that exports would grow at the rate of 13.6% per annum in volume terms i.e., in 1991-92 prices and exchange rates during the Eighth Plan (1992—97). Imports are as per requirements. No targets are set for imports. As per the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97), imports are expected to increase at annual rate of 8.4% over the Plan period.

World Bank assistance for revamping statistical system

1900. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to seek financial assistance from the World Bank to support its programme to revamp the statistical system in the country;

(b) if so, the broad features of programme entailing major computerisation and training of statistical personnel envisaged; and

(c) the amount of the financial assistance likely to be sought from the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The Department of Stastistics is formulating a proposal to modernise the statistical system in India. It will incorporate items like supply of hardware, supply of software, training in production of software, training on modern statistical techniques, establishment of training facilities, and study-visits. The proposal is in a very preliminary stage of formulation. It will be too early to identify funding arrangements.

In the meanwhile, in the backdrop of the sustained economic development over the years and the major economic reforms introduced recently, changes required in the System of National Accounting are being examined separately. The World Bank was requested to advise on what help, including financial support, was possible from their side in this connection. The Bank had deputed its officers to understand the requirements and formulate proposals for further course of action to arrange for training courses, study-visits, expert advice, etc. The Government was not required to make any payment towards this exercise. The exercise is still in progress.

भारतीय वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंडल परिसंघ के अध्यक्ष द्वारा समान सुविधाओं के संबंध में दिया गया वक्तव्य

1901. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र:** क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान भारतीय वाणिज्य और उद्योग मंडल परिसंघ के अध्यक्ष श्री ए० के० रंगटा के उस वक्तव्य की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें उन्होंने समान सुविधाएं न देने को सही माना है;

(ख) उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और क्या विदेशी कंपनियों को अधिक सुविधाएं प्रदान करने से स्वदेशी उद्योगों को उनके साथ प्रतिस्पर्धा करने में परेशानी होगी; और

(ग) इस संबंध में तथ्य संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम) (क) सरकार को इस तरह के किसी वक्तव्य की कोई जानकारी नहीं है।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार स्वदेशी उद्योगों की समस्याओं से अवगत है और नीतियां और क्रियाविधियां स्वदेशी उद्योगों के हितों को ध्यान में रखकर ही बनायी जाती हैं। एग्जिम नीति में किसी तरह का कोई भेदमूलक व्यवहार नहीं है।

Centrally sponsored schemes in Maharashtra

1902. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Central Sector/